

Governor's Logistics Task Force Meeting
August 23, 2011
Raleigh, NC

Lt. Governor Walter Dalton, Chairman of the Logistics Task Force, called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m. on Tuesday, August 23, 2011 in Raleigh with the following members present:

Al Delia, Dee Freeman, Nelson Cole, Dan Danieleley, Earl Brinkley, Tom Eagar, John Atkins, Larry Wooten, David Willauer, Paul Friday, Roberto Canales attended on behalf of Gene Conti, Jed McMillan attended on behalf of Keith Crisco and Matt Nolan attended on behalf of Pat Long.

David Congdon participated via conference call.

Members absent were: Clark Jenkins, Michael Walters, Danny McComas, Dawn Clegg, Allen Joines, Buddy Shavender, Dee Blackwell, Terry Bellamy, Jerry Orr, Bob Morgan, Gary Teng, Paul Kauffmann, Beth Austin, Lew Ebert and Joseph Stephens.

Chairman Dalton asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the June 28, 2011 meeting. A motion was made by Earl Brinkley, which was seconded by Larry Wooten. The minutes were unanimously approved.

Chairman Dalton welcomed everyone to Raleigh and stated this meeting would focus on the reports from the various Subcommittees. He introduced Mr. John Atkins.

John Atkins, Chairman of the Regional Hub Design Subcommittee, shared information with the Task Force regarding the work of the subcommittee. They held ten meetings and Mr. Atkins was pleased to report they always had enough members present to conduct business.

Mr. Atkins introduced the subcommittee members and thanked them for their commitment and participation. He also thanked Dr. George List for his work on the 7 Portals Study. The subcommittee was asked to review the draft of the 7 Portals Study and bring back recommendations to the Task Force. The subcommittee had a lot of discussion on how the study would best benefit the state.

Chairman Dalton thanked Mr. Atkins for his work with the subcommittee and introduced Mr. Earl Brinkley.

Earl Brinkley, Governance Subcommittee member, presented information regarding the subcommittee. Mr. Brinkley stated the Governance Subcommittee was tasked with examining numerous areas in an effort to ensure that governance and leadership needs for logistics assets, both current and future, were appropriately and effectively conveyed in the ultimate final product of the Task Force. He shared the recommendations from the subcommittee, as well as other points which have been raised through the subcommittee's analysis and discussion. Mr. Brinkley stressed that the Task Force should be sure to focus on transportation needs and opportunities, and not be influenced by political issues. Logistics is not just about roads, rail, ports, airports or inland terminals. It is how all of these work together as an integrated fashion.

Chairman Dalton thanked Mr. Brinkley for his presentation and asked about the recommendation to create a Logistics Division under the operational structure of the NCDOT Mr. Brinkley had discussed. Chairman Dalton stated that incorporating the NCRR into this plan may cause legal issues as far as it being a private entity. He emphasized they do all need to work together; however, legally there could be issues regarding the NCRR becoming part of NCDOT. Chairman Dalton agreed that we need to get to the one stop shopping. Al Delia stated when Governor Perdue put together her Executive Order regarding this issue, it was to preserve the flexibility to work quickly.

Dan Danieleley, Chairman of the Best Practices subcommittee, shared information from the subcommittee with the Task Force. Mr. Danieleley expressed it had been an honor and pleasure to work with the staff and subcommittee members. The Best Practices subcommittee took a look at many areas in neighboring states. They were tasked with examining numerous areas in an effort to ensure that future policies respect commonly held practices across the logistics industry, as well as work to utilize our existing assets in the most effective and efficient manner possible. Mr. Danieleley discussed the various recommendations.

The Chairman recessed the meeting at 1:52 p.m., just after the meeting attendees felt tremors from an earthquake, for a 15 minute break.

Chairman Dalton reconvened the meeting at 2:05 p.m. and introduced Larry Wooten.

Mr. Wooten, Chairman of the Commerce Subcommittee, thanked the subcommittee for their work and dedication. He discussed the task of the subcommittee which was to examine numerous areas in an effort to ensure the state's business/commerce needs were appropriately and effectively conveyed in the ultimate final product of the Task Force. Mr. Wooten also discussed the various recommendations of the subcommittee. He emphasized the importance of road access to the state ports and how it all depends on a good road system.

Chairman Dalton thanked Mr. Wooten and introduced Seth Palmer.

Mr. Palmer addressed the Task Force regarding the next steps of the committee. He shared the rules for working sessions from this point forward. In September, the Task Force will have discussions regarding the Seven Portals Study, approval of the Final report from the Seven Portals Study and additional presentation by outside entities. During the final three months of the Task Force, they will be engaging in two activities: discussion/drafting of the Task Force's final report and potential approval of the Task Force's final report. Mr. Palmer stated per Executive Order 32, the Task Force shall terminate its work on December 7, 2011 and it is the intention of staff that the final report will be fully completed and ready for presentation to the Governor by no later than February 2012.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:22 p.m.